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1. COMMITTEE 1: PROCEDURAL DEBATE RAGED IN COMMITTEE 1
WITH CONTINUED PRESSURE FROM INCREASING NUMBER OF LDCS
IN AFRICA AND ARAB GROUP TO ESTABLISH COMMITTEE PROCEDURES
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WHICH WILL ENABLE RE-OPENING OF ALL MAJOR ISSUES,

PARTICULARLY THOSE RELATING TO THE ASSEMBLY (WHICH IS PROCEDURALLY AND SUBSTANTIVELY CIRCUMSCRIBED IN RSNT) AND THE SYSTEM OF EXPLOITATION. SECRET BRAZIL GROUP FEELS ITSELF VIRTUALLY POWERLESS IN THE 77 TO PREVENT ADOPTION OF PROCEDURES WHICH WILL ALLOW EXTREMISTS AND THEIR GROWING SUPPORTERS TO QTE HAVE THEIR DAY IN COURT UNQTE AND LET OFF STEAM. WE PLAN TOUGH RESPONSE AT ALL LEVELS OF COMMITTEE AND WILL INSIST THAT MAJOR ISSUE FOR EARLY NEGOTIATION IS VOTING AND COMPOSITION OF COUNCIL. G-77 MAY ACCEPT US PROPOSAL SINCE THEY HAVE CONCERTED POSITION THEY ARE READY TO PUSH IN OPPOSITION TO US.

2. COMMITTEE II COMPLETED PROCEDURAL DEBATE AND TOOK A DECISION TO MOVE INTO THE NEGOTIATING PHASE. THREE WORKING GROUPS ARE BEING ESTABLISHED ON A VOLUNTEER STATE BASIS TO DEAL WITH: (1) THE ECONOMIC ZONE; (2) LANDLOCKED TRANSIT RIGHTS AND ACCESS TO THE SEA; AND (3) CONTINENTAL SHELF. CONFRONTATION ON THE STATUS OF THE ECONOMIC ZONE AT AN EARLY STAGE SEEMS PROBABLE. US DEL TAKING STRONG OPENING POSITION. LANDLOCKED AND GDS ANGERED OVER PROCEDURAL DECISIONS THEY SEE PREJUDICIAL TO THEIR INTERESTS.

3. DISPUTE SETTLEMENT: INDIA ANNOUNCED SUPPORT FOR A SINGLE TRIBUNAL FOR ALL ISSUES, INCLUDING COMMITTEE 1, AND JOINED ARGENTINA AND ECUADOR IN A WARNING THAT THEIR ACCEPTANC OF DISPUTE SETTLEMENT PROVISIONS WILL DEPEND ON A SATISFACTORY PROVISION SAFEGUARDING A COASTAL STATE'S AUTHORITY IN THE ECONOMIC ZNE. HOWEVER, ARGENTINA IS CLEARLY WILLING TO ACCEPT DISPUTE SETTLEMENT IN THE VENT OF INTERFERENCE WITH NAVIGATION IN THE ECONOMIC ZONE, AND INDIA DID NOT CLOSE DOOR ON THIS POSSIBILITY.
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